

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tommie L. Rogers

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/771,265

FILED: February 3, 2004

ART UNIT: 3723

EXAMINER: James G. Smith

FOR: Tong Assembly

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
(Rules 1.136 and 17(a) – (d))

Outstanding Office Action Mailed April 29, 2005

Original Period for Response Expired July 29, 2005

Request for Extension of three (3) months to October 29, 2005

Small Entity Petition Fee Enclosed: \$510.00

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In the above application, applicant respectfully petitions that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action indicated above be extended for three additional months, also indicated above. A response to such Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. (This extension will not exceed the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.)

A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

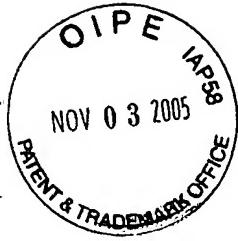
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October 31, 2005

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